private sector offer training at different levels for different segments of the industry.

Easy availability of military uniforms in Old Delhi

*27. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that military uniforms are available on sale in Old Delhi specially Chandni Chowk area at throwaway prices;

(b) whether this does not pose any kind of security risk, as anti-social elements can make use of these uniforms for malafide intentions in the guise of military personnel and can play with the lives of innocents; and

(c) if so, action plan of Government to ensure that easy access to these material is not misused?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Government is aware that clothing items similar to military uniforms are available for sale in the open market. Government is also conscious that these items could be used by unauthorized persons with the intention of impersonation.

The existing legal provisions to prevent the misuse of military uniforms are under Section 140 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 6 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923. The provisions of Section 140 apply only if the wearer of the uniform does so with the intention to impersonage. The provisions of Sections 6 of the Official Secrets Act apply when a person uses or wears, without lawful authority, military uniforms, to deceive for the purpose of gaining admission or of assisting any other persons to gain admission to a prohibited place or for any other purpose prejudicial to the safety of the State.

Violation of these provisions are to be dealt with by the Police.

Legislation for dealing Tsunami like disasters

†*28. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact the Government are considering any legislation for effective management and dealing successfully with the situation in future in the event of disaster, in view of the condition prevailed due to Tsunami disaster in the coastal areas of Southern States of the country and in Andaman and Nicobar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) up-to-date status of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) It is proposed to enact a law on Disaster Management to provide for the requisite institutional mechanism and powers for undertaking the prevention and mitigation measures as also mechanism for ensuring preparedness, capacity building and coordinating response for various kinds of disasters. The central legislation may *inter alia* provide for constitution of a National Disaster Management Authority and an Executive Committee of Secretaries which shall be responsible for assisting the Authority to draw up disaster management plan, coordinating and monitoring its implementation as also coordinating response to a disaster under the guidelines of the Authority and the directions of the Central Government. The Authority may set up an Advisory Committee of Experts. The Disaster Management Bill, 2005 is proposed to be introduced in the current session of Parliament.

Nexus between criminal mafia and left-wing extremists

*29. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nexus between criminal mafia and left-wing extremists is on the rise in the country;

(b) whether Government at any time have investigated the finances that the naxalites are getting;

(c) if so, what is the outcome of such investigation;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the States have started negotiations with naxalites to stop violence in the society; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress of the talks that have taken place?